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To Meet in the Summer.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I have just returned from a call on a sick comrade, and while there met another also calling and likewise sick, but not so had. While there the thought occurred to me, and I so expressed myself there, that the cause of their trouble was a defect in the National law of the G.A.R., and that removing the cause should be the first duty of our National Encamp ment, unless matters of more importance than the health of many old veterans should be found in the way. Now, elections by Posts are held in Decender, and in the mature of things Department Encampments occur in a very dangerous season for elderly kien to be obliged to travel and endure the exposure of cold rooms, improperly prepared bedding, badly heated and worse ventilated inlis, and the numerous other discomforts we necessarily

I am aware that it may be urged that the present laws and usages regulating these affairs bring the elections in the most natural time, the beginning of the year; but I fail to see force in the argument, for January 1 is not so fixed in the minds of the veterans generally as to establish it as a natural starting-point for members of the Grand Army of the Republic. May there not be found better cause for beginning our campaigns upon the date (April 13) of the auniversary of the closing of the actual grand campaign which made our Order a possi-

By holding our Post elections in April we could very esturally call our Department Encompments for June 1, which would be the anniversary of the peace jubilee, appointed by our honored Lincoln, with all the other apparent advantages. - Sam. A. Main, Danbury, Conn.

Seconds the Motion.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I have read Comrade Wm. Simmons's pica for the National Encampment for Philadelphia for 1894. I second the motion with all my heart. God bless the patriotic women of Philadelphia for their loyalty to the was fortunate enough to pass through that loyal city from 1861 to 1865 - John A. Holman, Co. D. 151st Pa., and Co. C, 21st Pa. Cav., Fairlax, Iowa.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

CONNECTICUT. Bryson Post, 225, Watsontown-Com., I. N. Messinger; S. V. C., Geo. P. Straub; J.V.C., S. R. Averill; Adj't, T. H. Kisner; Q. M., O. F. Beuson; Surg., S. B. Morgan; O. D., Elias Lynn; O. G., S. G. Stadier; Chap., Rev. S. P. Orwig; Serg't, Maj., Lew C. Fosnot; Q. M. Serg't, W. I. Wilson; Inside Sentinel, Joseph Wilstown; Outside Sentinel, Joseph

FLORIDA .-George F. Foote, the new Department Comnander, enlisted Jan. 2, 1861, in Co. E. 14th Mich. He was soon promoted Sergeant, and a year later he was commissioned Second Lieutenant. In August, 1864, he was made First Licuienant, and in March of the next year reached a Captaincy, and was bonorably mustered out with the rank of

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel. He entered the Regular Army as Second Lieubecame First Lieutenant. He was transferred to the cavalry branch in 1870, remaining with the 8th U. S. Cav., and was commissioned Captain before the time came for his retirement, April 4, 1886. Since he left the service he has been residing in Orange County, Fla. He has occupied the position of Chairman of the Board of Public Instruction, and been a member of the County, State, and State Central Democratic Associations.

J. N. Elder, Salmon City; In this out-of-the-way part of the world is located a Post, named McPhersen, 3. Although it has a membership of only 53, it is a lively and thriving Post. Its financial condition is as good or better than any other Post in the Department, and its members are very cuthu-

The 6th annual Encampment of the Department will be held at Pocatello May 22 and 23.

Dwight Post, 626, Dwight-Com., W. B. Brown; S. V. C., I. C. Lewis; J. V. C., G. Seymour; Q. M., James Williams; Surg., G. McClary; O. D., Thos. Commeford; O. G., L. Segart; Chap., M. McLane. Worcester Post, 627, Grant Park-Com., Samuel J. Murphey; S. V. C., James W. Hatton; J. V. C. Perry Hathaway; Adj't, Wm. D. Lane; Surg., C. A. Case: Q. M., Farmon Scramlin; Chap., Thos. B. Manning; O. D., Henry Grieves; O. G., David Butts; Guard, Scott Alexander; S. M., Hiram Hong; Q. M. S., Samuel Shromtz.

IOWA .-Gen. N. B. Beker Post, 88, Clinton-Com., Chas. Owington; S. V. C., Geo. Drake; J. V. C., Fred Rumble; Adj't, A. M. Dayton; Q. M., J. B. Crawford; Surg., J. S. Lowell; Chap., Jas. Tompkins; O. D., M. H. Mack; O. G., Geo. W. Davis; S. M., R. W. Mead.

KANSAS .-Wainut Post, 231, Walnut-Com., P. Harlan; S. V. C., J. Y. Funkhauser; J. V. C., F. W. Teeple O. D., S. B. Isgrigg; Q. M., S. F. Ralston; O. G., Theo. Jacobs; Chap., E. R. Clark; Adj't, S. H. Brownlow Post, 79, Severy-Com., H. M. Ken-

derdine; S. V. C., E. C. Whitaker; J. V. C., W. H. Hill; Surg., R. R. Grunes; Acft, A. R. Tomlinson; Q. M., Rob't Irvin; Chap., A. Carson; O. D., O. M. Miller; O. G., Geo. Orr; S. M., Wm. Kaler; Q. M. MAINE .-

L. H. Maxam Post, 52, Corinna-Com., C. T. Tewksbury; S. V. C., J. Biglow; J. V. C., J. Hutchinson; Adj't, A. Brooks; Q. M., G. W. Hilliker; Serg't, C. F. Deorbon; Chap., S. S. Burrill; O. D., W. A. Copland; O. G., A. P. Withe; S. M., J. M. French; Q. M. S., S. Fowler. P. Henry Tillson Post, 39, Thomaston-Com Wm. B. Bradford; S. V. C., A. M. Creamer; J. V. C., James McCarter; Chap., G. W. Fales; Surg., H. C. Levensaler; O. D., J. E. Mears; O. G., C. A. Copeland; Adj't, E. O. Cushing; Q. M., J. H. H. Hewett; S. M., N. S. Fales; Q. M. S., A. G. Strout, Installed and inspected by N. S. Fales, Past Com-

Gen. E. W. Pierce Post, 8, Middleboro, celebrated its anniversary the other evening. There was a large attendance, including members of the Post, oman's Relief Corps, and Camp Griffith Sons of Veterans, and their invited friends. Warren B. Stetson served as Toastmaster. A most palatable

behauet was spread, and dispatched with many compliments to the ladies for their art. The postprandial exercises were the principal feature. There were numerous speakers, among them the Rev. Fr. J. H. O'Neil, J. C. Sullivan, ex-Rep. G. L. Soule, Rev. Litchfield, and Rev. M. F. Johnson. E. E. Williamson, for the Sons of Veterans, said he wanted the Sons of Veterans empowered to be regular established militis, and entitled to bear arms. "If the gentleman who last year was our Representative in the Legislature should be our Representative next year, I want him to work for that end for us," said the speaker. MISSOURI .-

The 12th annual Encampment of the Department will assemble at the Club Theater, Joplin, at 10 o'clock a. m., April 12. Commander-in-Chief G. Weissert will be present at the Encampment. but on which day is not yet known. Let him receive a hearty welcome from his Missouri comrades. The Department Council of Administration will meet in the parlors of the Keystone Hotel, April 11, at 2 o'clock p. m. Department Headquarters will be established at the Keystone Hotel, April H. The comrades at Joplin have made ample arrangements for the entertainment of the visiting comrades, and a most enjoyable time is promised for all who are privileged to attend. On Wednesday evening, the 12th, there will be a Campfire at the Club Theater, and on Thursday evening, the 13th, a reception to the Commander-in Chief and Department Commander at the Club rooms, and a bean supper at Serage's

The Department Commander announces by request that the Union ex-Prisoners of War Association of Missouri will hold its seventh annual meet ing at Joplin, Mo., in the Courtroom on Main street, at 9 o'clock a. m., April 12. The Association of Old Army Chaplains will hold a Convention at Joplin, Mo., on the evening of April 12 at M. E. Church. Department Chap lain Hagerty, who is President of the National Association of ex-Army and Navy Chaplains, desires the attendance of as many as possible of the Army Chaplains in the Department,

The following new Posts have been mustered

J. H. Weirich Post, 540, at Spring Bluff, A. J. Gilcrease, Commander; Sewall W. Smith Post, 541, at Edwards, W. W. Hackman, Commander. George K. Smith, Post 53. Sedalia: A regular meeting of our Post took place on March 23, and the ladies of W.R.C., 32, ever mindful of our comfort and enjoyment, invited us to a supper and musicale, which was indeed a treat. But that which caused our old hearts to throb once more with renewed vigor, and our hats to swing in the air accompanied with the long-ago hurrahs, was the presentation to the Post of an elegant regulation flag, made from the finest silk, ornamented with golden cord and tassel, and mounted upon a beautiful staff with a golden eagle at its head. The fing was presented in behalf of the Corps, with a short but next and patriotic speech by the Past President, Mrs. Orpha Bronson, and responded to by Commander T. P. Berry, by some most approprinte and timely remarks. This presentation was a omplete surprise to the comrades, and when Old Glory was unfurled by the Commander they could not be restrained from yelling themselves hourse. Nichols Post, 104, Galletin-Com., B. B. Adams S. V. C., O. Conklin; J. V. C., Henry Winkle; Q. M., Thos. Sanders; Surg., L. S. Ellis; Chap., W. E. Clay; O. D., M. V. Bishop; O. G., J. Green; Adj't, Edsch Fisk; Q. M. S., J. Lewis; S. M., W. C. Gilli-

NEW YORK -Department Commander Joseph P. Cleary has for many years been prominent in Grand Army and military circles. He has fided every office in the Order from Officer of the Guard up to his present position, and he enjoys the distinction of



JOSEPH P. CLEARY.

being the only Department Commander who was ever elected by acclamation. Heretofore there have always been from two to four candidates. Comrade Cleary enlisted early in the war in the 13th N. Y. and went to the front. He took part at Blackburn's Ford, Bull Run, Yorktown, Hanovor 'ourthouse, Mechanicsville, and Gaines's Mills. At he last-named battle he was captured while assisting a wounded comrade from the field, and was inprisoned in Libby and Belle Isle. Upon being exchanged he rejoined his regiment at Harrison

While charging on the Manassas Gap Rallway, Aug. 30, he was wounded, taken prisoner, and laid five days on the field. He was finally paroled, and sent through the lines to the Meridian Hill Hospital, and afterward to Camp Parole, being finally xchanged in December following. He again joined as regiment, just in time to take part in the battle of Frederick-burg. The regiment was mustered out in May, 1863, and in June following he re enlisted as Orderly Sergeaut in the 14th N. Y. Art. and was promoted to Sergennt-M jor and Second Lieutenant. This regiment was attached to the Ninth Corps, and served in the Wilderness, Spottavivania, and Petersburg campaigns. Comrade Cleary was successively promoted to First Lieutenant, Captain, Major, and was brevetted Lieuten-

ant-Colonel on being mustered out.

He joined the Grand Army in 1863, becoming a comrade of O'Rorke Post, I, and when Marshall Post was organized became a charter member, and was elected its first Commander. He served three terms; also in various other capacities, notably as Senior Vice Commander in 1887. He joined the Union, to which every old soldier will testify who Rochester police force in 1866, and was promoted through all the intermediate grades up to that of Superintendent, which position he has ably filled

Comrade Edward J. Atkinson, the newly-elected Senior Vice Commander, is one of the best known and esteemed Grand Army men of the city of New York. For the past 10 years he has been the efficient Secretary of the Memorial Committee, a difficult position at all times and involving ability and labor, to which he has been annually elected unanimously by the united Grand Army Posts of

the city. His army record covers two years of active and t. W. L. Wilson; Inside Sentinei, Joseph and Janitor, Joseph and Score-man; Outside Sentinei and Janitor, Joseph 83d N. Y. He participated in all the battles of the tary, Sisters Lucy B. Card and Julia H. Avery, reegiment up to the date of his honorable discharge, in April, 1863, and was never absent from duty one

day during his term. He became a member of the Grand Army in 1878. He has held every position from Officer of the Day to Commander, having served several terms as Commander of Judson Ki patrick Post. When H. B. Claffin Post, 578, was formed he besame a charter member, and was its first Comnander. Under his administration and the united work of his comrades the Post grew rapidly in numbers and influence up to the present time, tenant of the 9th U. S. in 1865, and in April of 1868 | when it is one of the strongest in the up-town section. Comrade Atkinson has been for many years Chief Cierk of the Searching Department in the New York Courthouse, and is as popular with his business associates as with his comrades of the

Chas. R. Seilly Post, 303. Chelshire-Com., Jasep C. Jones; S. V. C., Almers Jameson; J. V. C., R. G. Chamberlin; Q. M., Rudolph Senn; Surg., Adelbert Hotelikiss; Chap., J. M. Langworthy; O. D., B. F. Hendershott; O. G., H. A. Vanwie, James Ayers Post, 202, Angola-Com., B. F. East-man; S. V. C., M. I. Clark; J. V. C., C. C. Robinson; O. D., G. O. Vilgey; Q. M., Jos. Frohley; Surg., G. W. Clark; Chap., E. P. Smith; Adj't, W.

Townsend. Fuller Post, 246, Little Falls-Com., E. A. Nash; S. V. C., A. E. Barrow; J.V. C., Bart Heath; Adj't, Martin Sigman; Q. M., James H. Watson; Surg., Marcus Hail; Chap., W. T. Douglass; O. D., E. P. Watkins: O. G., H. Borden; S. M., Asa Reed; Q. M. S., Joseph Charlesworth.

OHIO.-Old Guard Post, Dayton, had a most interesting neeting the other evening. The Post has 500 nembers, and the majority of these were present, and a full band added to the enjoyment of the ocasion. The Commander, Thomas L. Steward, arrived in a cart drawn by a Texas pony. He appeared quite feeble, and was assisted to the Post om by two comrades. There were some lively discussions, and it was a late hour before the old vets got through fighting their battles over again, and deciding just who did put down the rebellion

PENNSYLVANIA.-The Department officers met with the Council of Administration at Headquarters in Philadelphia last week. Department Commander Thomas G. Sample presided, and Assistant Adjutant-General Samuel P. Town neted as Secretary. It was decided to hold the semi-annual Eucampment at Gettysburg from July 15 to July 21, inclusive. The camp will be lighted by electric lights, and oring water will be supplied for drinking and cooking purposes. Gen. U. S. Grant Post, 5, will attend in a body with all the paraphernalia required for a week's camping in soldier style. Lafayette Post, 217, Easton, will also attend in a body. The Pittsburg and Allegheny Posts will unite and will furnish, it is claimed, 500 comrades, with a full band of music.

At the Campfice of Capt, P. R. Schuyler Post, 51, the other evening, Surg. George H. Watt presided. The Citizens' Auxiliary Corps was present in force. Comrade Tom Kay sang popular selections. speeches were made by Assistant Inspector-General James F. Morrison, Past Commanders Robert Wallace and William Emsley, and others. Maj. Gen. Josiah Porter, Adjutant-General of the National Guard, State of New York, has issued a General Order amending Regulation No. 818, so that the National Guard armories "may bereafter be used by Posts of the Grand Army of the Republie or other veteran organizations of honorablydischarged Union soldiers and sailors of the late war." The order of Gen. Porter grewout of controversies which have arisen regarding the use of the armories of the National Guard by the regimental veteran associations. Some regiments ungenerously refused to allow the veteran corps of their regiments to have apartments for holding their meetings in their armories. Such exceptions to the uniform courtesy and respect which have actuated the regiments of the National Guard in their bearing toward the war veteran organizations have been rare, Gen. Porter's order will

are needed. Potts Pest, 62, Altoona-Com., C. E. Apple-baugh; S. V. C., Henry Hawk; J. V. C., John Boyles; Chap., Thomas Bushman; O. D., Robert Howe; O. G., David H. Miller; Q. M., James L. Machier; Adj't. John A. Hindman; Q. M. S., W. W. Yon; S. M., T. M. Beem; Trustees, W. A. Meechem, Wm, Talbot, and Jacob Koonts. The Post is in a flourishing condition and the future sids fair for a successful year.

at Denison, March 22, and was well attended, nearly 300 answering to the roll-call. Under the recommendation of Commander Peterson a resolution was passed expunging from the records of the Grand Army an order passed at El Paso last year, recommending applicants for the organization o iegro or colored Posts to apply to the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi. The matter is now in the same condition as before the El Paso meet-

There were 25 deaths in the Department last year; \$532 had been expended for the relief of the distressed veteraus; 294 recruits have been mustered in during the year; 43 have been received by transfer and 76 by reinstatement. This leaves the Department membership with 1,596 in good standing from 56 Posts, which is a loss of one Post and one member over last year's report. Commander-in-Chief Weissert was present at he Encampment and made several brief addresses.

He is the first Commander-in-Chief who has ever visited Texas, and a vote of thanks was offered him for his attendance. Dublin was selected as the place for holding the next Eccampment. Officers elected were: Dep't Com., John W. Parks, Dallas; S. V. C., W. W. Bostwick, Denison; V. C., H. Welch, Jefferson; Chap., H. Webb, Fort Worth; Medical Director, J. C. Poteet, Dal-

In the evening a banquet was held, over 1,000 people being present. The entertainment was given under the auspices of Nathaniel Lyon Post, . Following the supper speechmaking was the order of the evening for several hours. Among those who spoke were Dr. A. W. Acheson, Gen. Weissert, Judge A. B. Norton, of Dallas; H. Tone and Judge H. P. Teague.

On March 24 an informal reception was given the Commander-in-Chief by John A. Dix and George II. Thomas Posts, the W.R.C. and S. of V., which was very largely attended by both the blue and gray, and at its close Gen. Weissert left for New Orieans to attend the Encampment there. The General seemed to be very much pleased with Texas and the Texas, and he said: "So far as Texas and its inhabitants are concerned, I think it is a glorious State with wonderful push, energy and enterprise. Texas is filling up wonderfully fast, and, from what I can hear in the North, it wil continue to do so. The feeling between the blue and the gray is of the most pleasant character. I have spent considerable time there with the ex-Confederates, and found them to be real good Americans. In fact, as between the men who bared their breasts on both sides in the field of battle, the war is over, and the North and the South can meet together as Americana. The Southern veteran loves the flag of his country as dearly as anybody."

FROM THE BAY STATE. Doings of Interest to Veterans and Their Friends.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Have you noted that the anniversaries of the stirring events of 1865 occur on the same days of the week this year as they did in that famous year? That fact is very suggestive to the old veterans who had a part in the closing campaigus.
Department Commander Eli W. Hall has issued General Orders, No. 2, aunouncing the names of Department officers elected, and also a personal staff of 150 comrades

date of meeting was fixed for Tuesday and Wednesday, June 27 and 28. Hon. Charles Carleton Coffin, Gen. Thos. Sherwin, and Col. Thomas R. Mathews were made a committee to select an orator. Several sub-committees were agreed upon, to have the following Chairmen: On Invitations, Col. Thomas F. Edmonds; Press, Col. William M. Olin; Excursions, Lieut. J. Payson Bradley; Printing and Badges, Col. Horace T. Rockwell; Halls and Rooms, Gen. Hazard Stevens; Music, Capt. Isaac P. Gragg; Police, Commissioner A. T. Whiting; Membership, Comrade John D. Billings; Decorations, Comrade George H. Innis; Hotels, Hon. Edward Glines; Carriages, Col. Chas. E. Napgood; Salutes, Gen. Samuel Dalton; Reception, Gen. Francis A. Walker; Finance, Gen. Charles L. Pierson; Treasurer, Col. Henry L. Higginson, Col. W. L. Chase was made Secretary and Lieut, J. A. Frve Assistant Secretary.

The Executive Committee will consist of the above named Chairmen of sub-committees, and Gen, Thomas Sherwin, Col. Thomas L. Livermore, Maj. Otis N. Marion, Capt. Spencer W. Richardson, Lieut, Charles B. Roban and Lieut, Frank C. Brownell.

Fletcher Webster Post, 13, of Brockton, will hold a Campfire Thursday evening, April 13, to which R. A. Pierce Post, 199, of New Bedford, and E. W. Pierce Post, 8, of Middleboro, have been invited, Post 22, of Milford, held a sociable March 28. Post 89, of Bevery, will open a fair April 24 instead of March 24 as stated in this correspondence. Post 199, of Revere, will open a fair April 25. Post 80, of Westboro, held an open meeting March

Post 65, of Warren, open a fair April 6. Post 110, Randolph, held a Campfire March 30, Post 39, of Lawrence, hold a Campfire April 26, the anniversary of Joe Johnston's surrender. Post 35. Chelsea, holds its annual Memorial serv-Post 76, of Plymouth, have weekly sociables at the close of regular meetings, open to the public. Post 156, of Everett, will hold a Campfire Monday evening, April 10. The Department officers,

the officers of Posts 35 and 66, and Past Depart-

ment Commanders Adams, Goodale and Billings

have been invited. H. F. Walcott Post, 102, of Milton, will light its annual Campfire April 12, having Post 68, of Dorhester, and the neighboring Posts of Norfolk County as guests. The prominent women of the Woman's Relief Corps in this section are "talking up" Sarah C. Mink, of New York, as the woman whom it will clease them to aid in making the next National President of the Order. She would certainly be a worthy successor of those splendid women who have preceded her in that high office, and it is hoped she may allow her name to be used in that

Ladies of the G.A.R.

From National Headquarters we learn that the Departments of New York and Minnesota have been recently organized. In both Departments

connection.-B., Boston.

new Circles are forming, and the interest of our work is stendily increasing. In the Department of Oklahoma the work is in His army record covers two years of active and bonorable service. He enlisted in April, 1861, in to show a lagging Circle. Oklahoma Circle, 1, Co. A, 9th N. Y. S. M., which was numbered the Oklahoma City, through its President and Secreport new members, a more active interest than ever, and a most carnest desire to have their Circle found conforming strictly to Rules and Regulations. This Circle was formerly Gen. F. L. | mates. Cramer Circle, but has changed its name to con form to a similar change in the name of the Post with which they are allied in the good work. Ellsworth Circle, 2, Kingfisher, loves its grand name too dearly to change, although between the Circle and Kingfisher Post, 2 there exist the most satisfactory relations. The Post knows it can always rely upon the Circle for all necessary aid or encouragement, and has testified its appreciation of that fact quite recently in a very emphatic man-

Logan Circle, 4. Council Grove, reports quite a feeling of enthusiasm at the near prospect of occupying the new ball which is the joint home of Post and Circle, and in the erection of which the Post has received not only encouragement, but material help from the Circle, which donated upwards of \$70 to the hall. Miss Rhoda L. Burns, Department Secretary, has recently inspected Percivale Circle, 6, and Carter

Circle, 7, at Moore and Norman, respectively, These are prosperous Circles, and we expect to hear good reports from them in Convention, The inspection of this Department has been thorough, and an inert Circle has not yet been encountered by the Inspector. The third annual Convention of the Department of Oklahoma will be held May 11, 12, 13, in Masonic Hall, El Reno, convening at 2:30 p. m. of the 11th. The Council of Administration will meet at 1:30 p. m, at the private parlor of the Department President at the Caddo Hotel, where Department Headquarters will be established, and where members of the Grand Army and friends of the Order will be cordially welcomed.

WEST VIRGINIA. Experience of an Old Soldier in the Legis-

lature. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I was elected State of West Virginia, from the First Delegate District, composed of Brooke and Hancock Counties, known as the extreme northwestern panhandle of the State.

I was a new member of the House, and of course did not have much to say. For the first few days of the session I kept my eyes and ears open and tried to learn how to make laws to govern the people of the great State of Coal. Coke, Timber, and Iron. I was not long in finding out that the most of our time would be put in in fixing up jobs and appropriations to please politicians, and a fine job we finally made of it. I say we, for we had to vote for the final passage of the appropriation bill, not because we thought it a fair bill, but we thought if it did not pass we would stay at the seat of Government some time longer, and make a worse bill,

after all, than the present one. We asked for the small pittance of \$2,000 for the erection of a monument in honor of the brave and patriotic men of West Virginia that fought on that memorable battlefield of Gettysburg, and passed it in the House, but it was cut out in the Senate by one unreconstructed rebel, who said it should never be done while he lived and had a voice to defeat it.

An old vet could see very plainly that they stood no show where the rebels had a majority. They could appropriate about \$40,000 to the World's Fair, but could not afford a small one to perpetuate the memory of the brave men who made it possible to have the World's Fair in 1893. Can anyone imagine what condition the country would have been in had the result been different? And we have a majority of make the armorles and their splendid drilling-balls | men in our Legislature who, at this late day, available for Grand Army receptions when they | do not respect the flag of our country-the greatest Nation on the face of the globe.

I must explain why I think they do not respect the flag of our country. At the Inauguration of our Governor, on the 4th of March last, there was not a sign of the Stars and Stripes visible in the Capitol or at the head of the how a few of the old vets felt at the insult, as gaged. we considered it, to the dear old flag that we had carried on so many hotly-contested battlefields. The Encampment of the Department was held | We felt the insult to the flag as much as we did the cutting out of the appropriation for the monument at Gettysburg .- AN OLD SOLDIER who is as loyal to the Government in '93 as in

Two California Representatives.

Congressmen Camminetti and Geary, from this State, voted for the pauperizing amendment to the pension law, forbidding the granting or continuance of a pension to any person whose aggregate income reached or exceeded \$1,000. If either of those beauties had announced on the stump last Fall that they intended to cast any such vote, the majority would have been on the other side in their districts. It is well known that Camminetti, while a Democrat, so-called, is under the railroad monopoly wing-his mentor being one Dana Perkins. But from Geary we did not think it possible that such a vote would come. Both of these gentlemen talked very sweet to the old soldiers in their districts. Geary got more than 1,000 Republican votes, and Camminetti got all that were in the railroad shops where Dana Perkins plays detective. The railroad managers here are all bond-holders and natural haters of soldiers' pensions.-VETERAN, San Francisco, Cal.

The Indefinite "It."

The art of confusing one thing with another flourishes in every country in the world. It was in Canada, for instance, that a newspaper advertisement of a nursing-bottle concluded as follows: "When the baby is done drinking, it must be unscrewed and laid in a cool place under a tap. If the baby does not thrive on fresh milk, it should be boiled."

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Gleanings from National Headquarters--- Notes from the Departments.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS W. R. C., SABETHA The committee of 20 having in charge arrange-ments for the reception of the Army of the Potomac MARGARET R. WICKINS, National President. FLORA PRESTON HOGBIN, National Secretary.

To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of met at the Parker House on the 29th ult. The the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of

their heroic dead. To assist such Union veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans; to find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends; to cherish and emulate the deeds of our Army Nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; to maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty and to encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights

Women of good moral character and correct deportment, who have not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the Union, who would perpetuate the principles to which this association stands pledged, and who have attained theage of 16 years, shall be eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps. CALIFORNIA CONVENTION.

> their annual conclave, Los Angeles, the third week in March. The local W.R.C. gave an evening Columbian Carnival in honor of their distinguished guests, Department Commander Fuller and Department President Southworth, and other officers of California G.A.R. and W.R.C., past and present, n attendance. Patriotic selections by the orchestra and inter-

The G.A.R. and W.R.C. had a grand gathering at

change of courtesies made way for the Columbian procession, over 50 people in costume. The hall was ablaze with the National colors, and the occasion was enthusiastic and joyous. For the Grand Army parade the W.R.C. were invited to occupy carriages provided them by the Committee of Arrangements. This courtesy was declined with thanks in the following communication, stating why

THEY WOULD NOT PARADE. The W.R.C. desire to announce that while they fully appreciate the bonor given them by the local

committee in assigning them a place in the parade of to-day, they most respectfully decline to particlpate in the procession. When the "boys in blue" were marching to the front over a quarter of a century ago the loyal women of our country stood on the sidewalks and cheered their fathers, brothers, sons, and lovers.

To-day they propose to do the same, only they now include their husbands. They will not parade themselves, and desire no further recognition than to know that they are the auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS. There was a large delegation in Convention, Department President Southworth presiding. The

President's report was well considered, and the officers' reports were full and complete. Henrietta Cook, President of the Woman's Relief Corps Home Association, Evergreen, San Jose, read a very interesting report. Two deaths occurred during the year, and there are now 27 in-

Five Army Nurses were invited to the rostrum and saluted. These patriotic women were Margeret Hayes, Adaline Miller, Rachel Reed, Priscilla Ashton, and Mother Ransom. Three visiting members from other Departments were introduced: Mrs. C. M. Griswold, of Westminster, Mass.; Emma E. Forsythe, of Minnesota; Mrs. M. L. Logan, of

A delegation of Ladies of the G. A.R., consisting of Mmes. Ballou, Paulk, and Hinckley were announced and cordially received. Mrs. Ballou extended the greetings of the G.A.R. Ladies in a speech full of loyalty and good will, and Department President Southworth responded in a like

Officers elected are as follows: Pres., Abbie E. Johnston, of Los Angles; S. V.-P., Mary C. Farmer, of Vallejo; J. V.-P., Florence E. Moore, of Santa Barbara; Treas., Sarah Davis, of Riverside; Chap., Annie E. Koorken, of San Diego.

A delegation from the G.A.R. Convention, consisting of Department Commander J. B. Fuller and staff, with the newly-elected Commander, E. C. Seymour, called upon the W.R.C. Convention and xtended cordial greatings. Handsome souvenir programs of the 26th annual Encampment, Department of California, G.A.R., were distributed to all the delegates and members present, also some orange-wood paper-knives, suitably inscribed, with a popper spray painted on

the handle. DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S TRIBUTE. The following concerning, the W.R.C. Evergreen Home and Ladies of the G.A.R., is from the annual address to the 26th Encampment, G.A.R., of Department Commander Fuller, who relterates the desire, so frequently expressed by comrades everywhere, that all patriotic women shall take their places under the banner of the Relief Corps, the in the Fall of 1892 to the House of Delegates, official auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Re-

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Under the administration of Department President Southworth the past year has been as prosperous as any in the past, and nothing that could be done for the good of the Order has been left undone by her. I find Posts I have visited more prosperous when they have Relief Corps as auxiliaries. Encourged by the kind words and good deeds of the women, they look with brighter eyes to the selves and to each other.

motto of our Order, and are more loyal to them-As a member of the Advisory Board of the W.R.C. Home at Evergreen, I took pleasure in complying with the request of the President of the Home Association to visit the Home in company with other members of the Board, Ass't Adi'tto make, has been forwarded to the President; it therefore, unnecessary to recapitulate here. Suffice to say, we found all the inmates happy and contented, without a word of complaint; and well they should be, under the circumstances, for if there is any place where all the comforts of a home -away from it-can be found, it is there. Under the direct supervision of Mrs. Cook, Vice-President, who makes almost daily visits, everything is done for the inmates that can be done with the imited means the association has at its command, and it stands to-day a living monument, as it were, to the many noble deeds of the W.R.C.

Recognizing the fact that they are the wives, daughters, and sisters of comrades, we cannot but love and honor them, and believe they are as earnest in their endeavor to care for and administer to the sufferings of the old soldier, their widows and orphans, as any could be, under any circumstances. We can but deplore the fact that they are not united with the only Order that is or can be auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, the W.R.C., and which, for that reason, is the only organization that can be officially recognized by us. This Order, composed, as it may be, and is, of the loyal women of the land, gives a wide field of usefulness, and that, too, without drawing directly on the pockets of comrades. We hope the day not far distant when these two Orders will be united, under the name of the W.R.C. of America, in the great and parade of the State militia. You can imagine good work in which they are both so earnestly en-

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS. Headquarters, leased by the Department, is ready for occupancy. It is a great convenience to committees and members who have official business to

On the occasion of the dedication of the Memorial G.A.R. Hall just completed at Orange, Mass., Clare H. Burleigh, Department Senior Vice-President, EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I notice that responded for the Department to the sentiment "The work of the W.R.C." The comrades of Post 17 are justly proud of their new home, and of their helpful auxiliary, Corps 17, to whose untiring aid and to the generosity of many citizens their success

in the undertaking may be attributed. By invitation of Charles Russell Lowell Post, 7, Boston, its auxiliary Corps, 28, united in a joint anniversary, which was observed March 13. Commander W. S. Sampson, of Post 7, Department Commander Hall and Lieut.-Gov. Wolcott, referred in their speeches to the good work of the W.R.C. Among other guests who responded were Department President Emily L. Clark, Past National President Sarah E. Fuller, and Past National Senior Vice-President L. A. Turner.

Robert A. Bell Corps, 67, celebrated its seventh anniversary March 8. Speeches were made by Department President Emily L. Dean, Mrs. Mary G. Deane, Department Counseler Annette Bell (mother of the one in whose honor the Post is named), and Past Commander Smith. The annual Calico Party, given March 9, by Corps 79, of Brighton, was a social and financial The Worcester Corps entertained all the Corps of

Worcester County and many distinguished guests

an afternoon and evening in March; over 200 in at-

tendance. There were delegations from Charles
Devens Corps, Oxford; F. A. Stearns Corps, Spencer;
E. V. Sunner Corps, Fitchburg; Dexter Corps,
Brookfield; Clara Barton Corps, Warren; E. A. Andrews Corps, Shrewsbury; Arthur G. Biscoe Corps, Westboro, and George H. Thomas Corps, Liccester. Department Senior Vice-President Clare H. Burleigh, guest of honor, made a pleasing address, and recited the poem, "What Can Women Do?" A fine supper was served at Horticultural Hall, the tables decorated with flowers and flags. Department officers and members W.R.C. are ad to welcome Ass't Adj't-Gen. Hubert O. Moore, who has recovered from his illness and has returned to his duties at Headquarters.

At the District exemplification in Worcester, Mrs.

Marshall, of Fitchburg, was present, one of the

oldest W.R.C. members in Massachusetts. F.tchburg Corps celebrates its 10th anniversary May 10. Corps 157, of Boston, newly instituted, made their

initial success with a poetry party at Red Men's A member of Worcester Corps in destitute circumstances has found a home for life in the Na-tional Relief Corps Home at Madison, O. The ladies interested in the Grand Army Hall Association, West Medway, will open a fair April 18 for the benefit of the fund for repairs. Thomas G. Stevenson Corps, 63, Roxbury, gave a conundrum supper in G.A.R. Hall, followed by a unique literary entertainment.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY. Gen. Lander Corps, 29, Lynn, celebrated its 10th anniversary in Grand Army Hall March 23. There was a large attendance of members, veterans of Post 5, and others. Many officers of the Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C. and G.A.R., were present, Supper was the first thing on the program, on the principle that the evening could be better enjoyed The exercises in the main hall were forestalled by a little surprise when in a neat speech by Hattle L. Bray, the janitor, Jacob S. Estes, was made the

possessor of a handsome rocker and table cover,

for which he returned heartfelt thanks. Judge John W. Berry made the opening address on behalf of President Terrill, afflicted with hoarseness. His Honor paid high tribute to the work of the women of the war and of the Relief Corps, and thought that they were capable of exercising all the rights of citizenship. He said, also, that Lynn believes in the old soldiers, and will stand by them, and their widows and orphane, with a fidelity born of love and gratitude.

Cecilian Quartet, Department Commander Hall reviewed the growth of the W.R.C., and said that no one could estimate the amount of good done by the women since the time of its organization at Denver, in 1884. He brought the greetings of the Department G.A.R. expressing its loyalty to the Relief Corps.

Mary E. Knowles, National Chaplain, tendered congratulations to Gen. Lander Corps, and gave Godspeed to its future. Department President Emily L. Clark expressed her pleasure in representing 18,000 women of the State in offering congratulations on the passing of the tenth mile-stone.

Ruddy, followed by "In the Gloaming," by the

She thought that Post 5 must have great pride in its auxiliary, and hoped the Sons of Veterans were cqually strong and effective in Lynn.

The Park Street Quartet sang a selection, and the next speaker was the J. V. Department President. She was followed by the Department Secretary, Mary E. Elliot, who thought the things remaining in our history, the landmarks not fet effaced, the countless graves of Union soldiers on Southern soil, the monuments and Soldiers' Homes, precluded the obliteration of memories of the war, the influence of which inspired the work the women have undertaken. Mary G. Deans, Department Counselor, made a felicitious speech, i which she outlined certain work she was hopeful of accomplishing.

After pleasant numbers in music and recitation, came a laughable number, "The Maiden Minstrels," a troupe of 20 members. The Committee of Arrangements received many congratulations upon the successful event.—Sarah J. Williamson, Department Corresponding Secretary, Wollaston,

ILLINOIS CONVENTION. DEAR TRIBUNE: A reception was given by the local G.A.R. and W.R.C. in the Illinois Senate Chamber, Springfield, to National and Department officers G.A.R. and W.R.C. in annual Encampment and Convention, which was very enjoyable. The hall was gaily decorated with flags and emblems, beautiful flowers in profusion giving forth their fragrance, work of Stephenson and Mendall Corps,

17 and 89. Department President Sarah E. Hannon was escorted to the platform and introduced by Mrs. Bisch, of Corps 17. President Hannon introdu the honored guest of Illinois Department, National President Margaret Ray Wickens; also, Depart-

ment Staff Officers. Speeches followed, when Department Commander Edwin Harlan paid the highest tribute of praise and respect to the administration of Sarah E. Hannon as both noble and helpful, complimenting the Order at large on their good work. Gen. C. W. Pavey, Past Adj't-Gen. McKinnie, and Comrade Thistlewood spoke in the same vein.

National President Margaret Ray Wickens gave a brilliant talk, frequently interrupted by applause.

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS. The sessions of 10th Department Convention were held in the Senate Chamber, beginning March 10 at 10 a. m., Department President Hannon in the chair. Department Chaplain Salome F. Wilson, of Lincoln, led in prayer and Scripture reading. All officers and 332 delegates were in attendance National officers present were: National President Margaret Ray Wickens, Counselor Sue P. Sanders, Inspector Fio J. Miller, Member of Examining Board Sarah M. Bradford, Aid Mrs. Watkins. The President's address, which was a strong paper adhering strictly to business, was referred with other officers' reports, which were all full and able, to committee and not read from the platform, having been sent to Corps Presidents 10 days previous, that their delegations might come fully pre-

pared to legislate on matters of importance. A letter of thanks from Commander Smart, of Phil Sheridan Post, Department of Tennessee, was of deep interest. It acknowledged the gift of the Woman's Relief Corps of Illinois of \$120 cash, and 3,450 flags, besides many other donations from Corps to be used in decorating the soldiers' graves at Stone River, Shiloh, Pittsburg Landing, and Fort Donelson. The letter accompanied a gavel made of red cedar cut from the battlefield of Stone River, and request that President Hannon use it in

calling 10th Convention to order.

A cregister was presented the Department by
Margnet J. Sands on behalf of Columbia Corps, 175, of Chicago, and a beautiful basket of roses and lilies to President Hannon and Secretary Stuart from

Corps 88, of Cairo. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. Commander-in-Chief Weissert, of Wisconsin, Comrades Bennett and Burst, of Chicago, and Harrel, of Aurora, visited Convention, and were escorted to the platform by National President Wickins and Past Department Presidents. An

ovation of music and waving of handkerchiefs followed-Past President Allison, of Corps 36, presiding at the piano. The addresses made were very complimentary to the W.R.C., commending its grand good work, and designating it as the "only auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic." Badges were pre-Gen. Masteller also accompanied us. A report of sented to the Commander-in-Chief and each comthe general condition of the Home, as we found it, | rade by the Department President, and to the with such suggestions as it was deemed advisable | strains of patriotic music they were escorted from the hall. Nomination of officers followed, in which Presi-

dent Hannon was nominated for another year, but gracefully declined the honor. DIAMONDS PRESENTED. Chairman of Souvenir Committee L. J. Pitkin, of Chicago, in behalf of State and officers, presented to President Sarah E. Hannon, in a neat speech, a beautiful case inclosing an elegant set of diamond earrings. The touching response of Presi-

dent Hannon brought tears to many eyes. BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE. Mrs. Humrickhouser, of Kankakee, made an earnest appeal for assistance on behalf of the insane soldiers at Kankakee Asylum. It was moved and carried that Illinois W.R.C. do as much for this institution as for the Quincy Soldiers' Home. Governor and Mrs. Altgeld tendered the W.R.C. a reception at the Governor's mansion. This occurring at the hour of election of officers, a committee composed of National President Wickins, M. R. M. Wallace, L. J. Pitkin, and others conveved the thanks and regrets of Convention. Tenth Convention approved and adopted the report, as amended, of a committee named by Department President Hannon to investigate the report of the Home Board.

THE SILVER-TONGUED ORATOR. The Committee on Greetings to G. A.R. Encampment consisted of National President Margaret Ray Wickins, National Inspector Flo J. Miller, of Monticelle, and Ella T. Hapeman, of Ottawa. Mrs. Miller conveyed the greetings, and the veterans were loud in their praises. The speeches were DEAR TRIBUNE: The room adjoining W.R.C. responded to by the Rev. Father Tuomey, Com-Headquarters, leased by the Department, is ready mander of Mulligan Post, 306, of Chicago, who is said to be the only Catholic priest ever Commander of a G.A.R. Post. At the conclusion of his able address, he was honored by having pinned upon his breast, by Mrs. Hapeman, a W.R.C. badge. National Inspector Miller has been named the silver-tongued orator of the W.R.C., and sustains

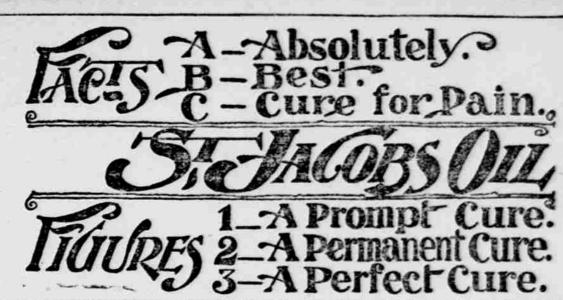
the honor. TLLINOIS OFFICERS.

Officers elected: Department President, M. M. Wallace, Chicago; Senior Vice-Pres., Ester Wood, Springfield; Junior Vice-Pres., Maggie Sutton, Decatur; Treas., Mary E. McCauley, Oiney; Chap., Sophie Linscott, Chicago. Officers appointed: Sec., Jennie Bross, Morris; Inspector, Mary Thiell, Chicago; I. and I. Officer, Marilla West, Chicago; Francisco Board, Inc. J. Ward, Gibson City. Executive Board: Inez J. Bender, Monticello, and Mesdames Cobean, Craig. Yost, and Lewis. Delegate-at-Large, 11th National Convention, Helen F. Bristol; Alternate, Mrs. Heweit, Delegates, Mesdames Devoe, Geary, Morgan, Watkins, Harrison, Follensby, Jenkins, Buffington, Evans, and Tucker, and Miss Carlton; Alternates, Mesdames Kyle, Blackmore, Gale, Beggs, Reede, Gibbs, Noble, Gruhn, Briggs, Sands and Eldred. W.R.C. Home Board: Department President, M. R. M. Wallace; Department Treasurer, Mary E. McCauley; Mesdames East, Sander and McCollough (members of previous Board), Sue Simpson, of Peoria, and Jennie Barbour, of Joliet.

WORK FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR. An invitation from the World's Fair Board to Illinois W.R.C., presented by Chairman Wallace, of W.R.C. Columbian Committee, to decorate with flags and emblems overhead the entire space allotted the W.R.C. was accepted. Each Corps will make an effort to do their part both in this and the One hundred dollars was voted National President Wickins to assist in making successful the National W.R.C. Columbian Exhibit.

TWO DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS. The amount of business transacted during the two days and one night session clearly showed that as a presiding officer President Hannon was equal to all demands. She merits all the praise bestowed upon her for a perfect and noble year's work, and we can predict great gains and good work from the newly-elected and appointed efficers, under the able guidance of our honored leader, M. R. M. Wallace.

LILIES AND ROSES. Exercises closed with installation of officers-elect



A beautiful ceremony was the presentation by Past President Hannon to President Wallace of an exquisite basket of lilles and roses, from Columbia Corps, 175, of Chicago, Mrs. Wallace in turn preenting it, with her compliments and that of Corps 175, to Mrs. Hannon, who responded in touching words. National President Wickins, placing an arm around each, addressed Past President Hun-

After" A Tale of a Nose," read by Miss Lucy Illinois W.R.C. At Department Headquarters, St. Nicholas Hotel, Past President Hannon was presented with an exquisite and costly solltaire diamond ring, the gift f many warm associate workers. The loyal citizens of Springfield, the State House officials, the representatives of the Press, all have the thanks of our Order for kind and courteous treatment during our session in their city.—Effle R. Kennedy, Department Corresponding Secre-

tary, Decatur, Ill.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA. DEAR TRIBUNE: The five members of Wads' worth Relief Corps, No. 1, who attended the National Convention at Washington received such a warm greeting from Wadsworth Post upon their return that their zeal has been stronger than ever since that time. A social Campfire was tendered the W.R.C. by Wadsworth Post, Commander F. P. Sterling assuring us that our work for the

clated by the veterans. Wadsworth Relief Corps, No. 1, returned the compliment, inviting the G.A.R., Sons of Veterans, and Ladies' Aid to assist them to also welcome home their representative from across the Union of States. With all these loyal greetings we shall not fail to number one among the W.R.C. stars of

The Legislature has just adjourned in our Capital City. Among the bills presented was one for a Soldiers' Home. There are 1,600 veterans in this State. The bill passed the Senate, but it was decided by the House that there was no money in the treasury for that purpose. Other appropriations

and absorbed the funds. It was also claimed that when Fort Harrison is built some forts will be abandoned, making it change made in the Pension Office? Does Range possible for the soldiers to obtain a Home; also go out, and what changes will be made in the hat Montana did not send men to the war, and she needs no Home. With this decision we do not sgree, and with new energy we embrace the situa-tion thus: "Montana did not send men to the front, but she welcomed them back, realizing that among the blood-bought Stars of the Union, she was a golden beacon-light to the soldier, and could the old gray mountains speak, they would pour into the Soldiers' Home their first treasures, nor bid him wait his turn; his time is not long here.
When Russia's cry of starvation reached Monma's W.R.C. it was answered, and while Fort

quainted with the 1,600, and when charity beckons we will respond, and the Home may yet be theirs. "F., C., and L.," knows no State lines, and if we sannot assist these old heroes from their posttions in our County poor-houses, Columbia's W.R. C. will lend us their aid, for it is our banner they gave us back untarnished, making it possible for men to legislate in this United States. When I write again it will be to tell you that we

have nine Relief Corps, and are soon to be organ-ized into a permanent Department.—J. J. Kirkendail, Provisional Department President, Helena, Mont.

WEST VIRGINIA W.R.C. Provisional Department President Amanda L. Murdock, Wheeling, W. Va., has just instituted a Corps at Wellsburg, Brooke Co., the ninth on the roster. This gives the Department about 250 members and 45 delegates for a Convention called in April at Grafton, in connection with the G.A.R. Encampment, to form a permanent Department. Provisional Department President Murdock has | changed yet? 4. Is the Pension Bureau grating been in W.R.C. work in West Virginia about seven years, five years of which was given to detached Corps work. She is a charter member of Corps 1. | \$50 rating if found entitled thereto, without special and served three years as Treasurer and two as application. 2. Usually within six weeks to two National Aid. June 27, 1891, she was appointed or three months, 5, No. 4. The work goes right Provisional President by National President Mc-Henry, and successively reappointed by National | protection of the Civil Service laws, Presidents Sanders and Wickins. She has discharged all duties with zeal and fidelity, and the

coming Convention promises to be a success. A HAPPY LITTLE CORPS. DEAR TRIBUNE: Babbitt Corps, 19, Bristol, R. I. was instituted in July last with a membership of 30

last meeting. The State Soldiers' Home is in Bristol, and at Christmas we tried to cheer the brave old heroes by sending them a number of backgammon games and fruit. We were thrice repaid by the beautiful letter of thanks which we received from the Adjutant of the Home. We are making extensive preparations for an

April entertainment and supper to be given in G.A.R. Hall. If interest in the affair and hard work on the part of the Corps will bring success, the result is assured. The poem entitled "The Women Who Went to the War," by Clara Barton, published in a recent issue of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and read before our Corps, was greatly appreciated.—Emilie F. Phelps, Senior Vice-President, Corps Reporter.

ALL ALONG THE LINE. Harriet Purdy Smith, whose new spectacular play, "Escola, or the Carnival of the Fairles," has been given with grand success at Madison, La Crosse and elsewhere, has enrolled herself under hose auspices she presents "Escola" April 10 and 11. She takes the leading role, and is sup-

ported by a cast of 200 people. Ann S. Reyburn, who is 89 years old, and mother of Col. W. W. Woodward, of Sandusky, O., has pieced a quilt for the Soldiers' Home, and hired the I. E. Aid Society of that city to quilt it. She always sends her Western Christian Advocate, which she prizes highly, to the Home, and takes great interest in everything connected with the from the statement in our column of Feb. 23, 1893, work. She is a member of Corps 313, Tippecanoe City, and all the sisters feel greatly honored to have her name on their books. Her daughter-in-law, Ella Bell Woodward, is serving her third term We can only say that we are supported in our as President of the Corps, 313, and is serving her opinion that the change dates from the Christian second year as a valuable member of the Ohio era by the best Biblical writers. (See Dictionary Soldiers and Sailors' Home Committee, W.R.C. Lewis Corps, Xenia, O., celebrated their sixth Cyclopsedia, and various other authorities.) It is anniversary in splendid style on the evening of true that Emperor Constantine, by his edict of the March 23, at which time Past Department Presi- | year 321 A. D., promulgated the change from the dent Mary E. Bancroft, who instituted this noble band in 1887, was present as guest of honor. The first day), but he merely confirmed and made manattendance of the beloved "Corps Mother" was arranged as a surprise by Past Department President Mary A. McQuiston, and added much to the be termed the first official recognition of the day interest of the occasion. Ella Bell Woodward, now observed. We do not wager money on the President of Rouzer Corps, 313, Tippecanoe City, correctness of this or any other decision, although was among the guests in attendance, which inpluded a number of comrades, G.A.R. Dainty re- | desire to go into further argument on the subject.

freshments were served by Corps President Thrall and her able assistants. The W.R.C. of Columbus, O., gave a successful three days before the three years is up, can his benefit concert; funds to be used in furnishing a widow draw any of the commutation that would

at the Ohio Soldiers and Sallors' Home, Sandusky O., in connection with the temperance work, and the Home Chaplain appealed for some religious reading to the women of the W.R.C. through Mary E. Bancroft, Chairman of the Home Committee. It is needless to say that his request was promptly met and the books forwarded. In the meantime, If there is any one who can add a book on temperance or practical Christianity, it will be gratefully welcomed at the Home, Sandusky, O. National Inspector Flo Jamison Miller, Monticello, Ill., won new honors as an orator in convey-ing the greetings of Illinois Convention to the G.A.R. Encampment. Grand Army men in attendand are enthusiastic in her praises.

Julia C. Shelon, not Gordon, is the Aid of the President of Fuller Corps, Dorset, Vt., the faithful

auxiliary Corps complimented so highly by the Emma B. Alrich, Past Department Senior Vice President of Kansas, returned from Department Convention in time to respond to a call from Philadelphia to the sickbed of both her mother and nother-in-law. The former is improving, but the atter, Eliza Lockard Alrich, was called to her rest March 14, aged 87 years. Hers was a busy, event-ful life, consecrated to duty and animated by lefty

patriotism. Our valued Illinois correspondent, Effie R. Kennedy, is appreciated wherever she goes. The Springfield News, in recognition of her W.R.C. Con-vention services as official press reporter, says she is one of the ablest and most efficient ladies who ever performed the duties of that office. She merits the thanks of both the press and the Order for her accuracy and willingness.

> Grammatical at all Hazards. [Argonaut.]

In Boston's swell circles there is a family whose butler has given to it a unique position. Michael had not been in Boston very long before he became imbued with the classic learning of the "Hub," and he immediately put his learning to use. Mrs. Marblehall was to 10, 1863, in Co. D. 18th N. H., for three years or give a reception, and of course, Michael stood during the war. I never received any Government at the door. One by one the guests came in, and Michael announced the names very distinctly. But, at last, Mr. Foote and his two daughters came in. The butler looked at the guests and hesitated. He rubbed his hands against his ferehead and mustered courage to speak before the crowded guests, and in a sepulchral voice he cried: "Mr. Foote—and—

that compose the Board of Review is composed of one Chief of Division, five Assistant Chiefs of Division, about 45 principal Examiners. the Misses Feet!"

OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

To Correspondents. - Write questions on a sers and nurk it "Correspondents' Column." No steed tion will be paid to communications that are said arm around each, addressed Past President Hun-non as her well-beloved child and President Wal-lace as her new-born babe, expressing her sincere goodwill and wishes to each. Thus closed one of the most interesting and notable Conventions of

umn within three weeks. 1 W. S., Mill Village, Pa-1. Was the Dependent Pension bili introduced by a Democrat; if so, what was his same? If not, what was the name of the Republican that first advocated that measure? Has there ever been any bill introduced by any Domocrat for the relief of the soldiers of the late war? Answer. Senator Cushman K. Davis, Republican from Minnesota, who was Chairman of

the Senate Committee on Pensions, was the father of the bill. 2. Yes.
H. S., Colebrook, N. H.-I wish to inquire if the widow of a pensioner, who is now drawing pension under the general law for disability contracted in the service in the late war, having mar-ried the soldier in 1888, can draw a penden under the old or general late? Answer. If the soldier died of wounds, injuries, or diseases contracted in the line of duty in the service, or the racults thereof, and she can prove the same to the extended on of the Commissioner of Pensions, she would velerans and their dependent ones was duly appreof the date of her marriage; but if her husband should die from some cause not directly due to his military service, she would only be entitled to & pension of \$3 per month, she having married the soldier prior to the passage of the act of June 27,

Wm. H., Frelighsbury, Province Quebec, Canada. I am drawing a pension under act of June 27, 1890. I am what you may term a non-resident foreigner. Will the amendment adopted by the last Congress take it away; if so, when does it go into effect? 2. If I became a resident of the United States would it go on? 3. Must I become a citizen? Answer. 1. If you are not a citizen of the United States your pension will cease June 30 next. Yes. 3. That is a question for you to decide. other officers of the Pension Bureau? 1 Who leets them? Is it done by the President? Answer. 1. Commissioner Raum has 16. signed. No person has yet been selected to sug ceed him. We cannot say what changes will be made. 2. Mr. Cleveland, the President of the United States, will make the changes. He has not as yet informed us of his intentions in the matter, J. T. S., Bridgewater, Maine. - When an application for pension gets on the completed files please inform me through your paper if they are over thrown out without the pension being g Harrison is being built we will become better ac- also, inform me what action has to be taken on pension claim after getting on completed flies, for it appears to me that after a claim gets that he all has been done that is required. Answer, The mere placing of a claim on the completed files to not an indication that it is complete, and therefore is not an indication that further testimony will not be required. Many cases are taken out of the completed files, upon examination, and referred back

for further action by the Examiner. John A. McC., Athens, O .- 1. A soldier drawing \$24 er month files an application for increase asking or \$72, and the testimony shows distinctly that he has to have an attendant all the time. He filed bis application before the passage of the act making a rating of \$50 per month, but was examined after the passage of the act. If he fails to secure the \$72 rating, will the Department consider him eligible to the \$50 rating under this application and examination, if the same shows him to be entitled to said rate, or would be have to file a special speciation to receive the benefits of the act of July 14, 1892? 2. How long a time should elapse after a cisim goes before the Board of Review before it is acted upon? & Has the Board of Review been pensions just the same, or do they stop while the change of officers and employes is going on? Anewer. 1. In such a case he would be allowed the on, and probably few changes will be made, at the great majority of the employes are under the

H. M. H., Elk Fork, Ky .- Under the late raling of the Pension Bureau in increase claims under the new law, where the pensioner is drawing a pension of less than \$12 under the general law and applies for increase under the act of June 27, 1890, and on examination he is found to be entitled to more than \$12, will be get it? Answer. Yes, providing be and now numbers 38, with five applications at the elects to have his new law claim considered as an application for increase under the general law. He will be called upon to choose under which law

he desires his claim settled. S. O., Select, Ky .- 1. To whom should widow of soldier of old war of 1812 apply for land warrant, and what fee is lawful for attorney? 2 Widow of soldier of war of 1812 applies to Commissioner of Pensions for pension; from what date will the widow draw pension? 3. Application was made for pension under set of March 9, 1878, and under Section 47:6 to 4740 inclusive of Revised Statutes o the United States, the claim was filed with proof of death of soldier and marriage of claimant to him and date of soldier's death proved; how long will it be until this old claim will be settled? 4. What steps shall I take to get the number of my claim, made and filed Feb. 6, 1893? 5. A soldler of the late war made and filed application and made an error in declaration, in that he stated that he contracted disability in September, when it was the last of October. The commissioned officer of his company and one comrade state that it was the last of October. Can this claimant correct it? Answer. the banner of the W.R.C., and proposes to devote | 1. To Commissioner of Pensions. Fee any sum herself in future to the service of the Union soldier. | from \$10 to \$25, as per articles of agreement to Her father served in the 3d Wis, battery. Slie has be filed in the case. 2. From March 9, 1878, if sol-joined E. B. Wolcott Corps, of Milwaukee, under dier served 14 days, and from Feb. 14, 1871, if he served 60 days. 3. We cannot say when any claim will be settled. 4. Write to the Commissioner of Pensions. 5. Certainly; the error can be corrected by claimant, stating in an affidavit that he was mistaken as to the date, etc.; but an error of that nature is so unimportant that the Pension Bureau

would probably take no notice of it. L. M., Gables, Mich., and several others .- We have received your communication wherein you differ regarding the date when the Christian Sabbath was changed to Sunday. We stated that it dated of the Bible by Wm. Smith, LL.D.; Appleton's seventh day (the Jewish Sabbath) to Sunday (the datory upon his people what had been, in part, observed for many years before his time. His may we are satisfied that we are right, and we do not S. F., St. Francis, Kan. - If a soldier draws commutation for loss of the use of an arm, and he dies room of the Ohlo Cottage, National Relief Corps | have been due him if he had lived three days longer? Answer. If he should die one day before There has been a great religious revival going on the expiration of three years his widow cannot get commutation. If a soldier by application de to accept commutation in lieu of limb, and died

after the expiration of three years, his widow could recover amount due. A. P., Cooperstown, Ill.-If a person is a candidate for a Township office, and on the same cleation day is acting as cierk of the Board of Election. and received the majority of votes against his opponent, is such a person legally elected as an officer according to the Australian voting law? Answer, Yes; why not?

A Constant Reader, Grand Valley, Pa .- How many troops were engaged, and what was the loss of both sides, at Wounded Knee, Dec. 29 and 35, 1369. during the Indian uprising? Answer. There were about 3,000 engaged in the campaign; 15 or 16 soldiers and two officers were killed. The number of Indians engaged never will be ascertained. Indian loss reported to be about 300 or 400.

D. A. M., Chicago, Ill.—Does the act of June 27. 1890, give to every widow of a soldier a pension & \$8 per month, provided she was married prior to the passage of the act; or does a widow have to be a pauper to be benefited? Answer. She does not have to be a pauper. If she is dependent upon her daily labor for support-that is, if she has not a

sufficient income, except what she earns, she is eg-

An Old Subscriber, Cascade Locks, Ore.-1, Is a retired soldier entitled to treatment at a militar hospital, should be become sick? 2. What year was it that several enlisted men were shot for desertion in Gen. Custer's command out West? Atswer. 1. No. 2. No one has been shot for desertion since the close of the war. The law only provides for the death penalty in time of war. A. H. C., Subscriber.—1. About how lone has the oldest of the completed claims been on the completed files? 2. Has the act of June 27, 1890, been acted upon to the delay of the old-law cisims? What is likely to be the action of the present Ad ministration in regard to old-law claims and those under the act of June 27, 1890? Answer. 1. It is

impossible for any one to say. 2. Yes. 2. We cannot now determine. H. O'N., Great Barrington, Mass .- I enlisted Aug. bounty. Is there any due me? Answer. We cannot say, because you give no facts. If you wil send on your discharge certificate we will return i

with our reply.

7. N. W., Marshall, Mich.-Will you kindly inform me how many members, and who they are, about 60 cierks, and eight copyists.